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SUBJECT: DIPLOMATIC IMMUNITY FOR SAUDI CULTURAL
AFFAIRS OFFICER

1. THE MAIN PURPOSE OF THE SAUDI CULTURAL AFFAIRS
OFFICER, NOW RESIDENT IN NEW YORK, IS TO CARE FOR
THE LARGE NUMBER OF SAUDI STUDENTS IN THE UNITED
STATES. HE APPRENTLY IS NOMINALLY ATTACHED TO
THE EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON. HE MAY ALSO CARRY SOME
CONSULAR TITLE IN NEW YORK; THE SAUDI MINISTRY OF
FOREIGN AFFAIRS IS NOT SURE.

2. THE SAUDIS NOW WISH TO TRANSFER HIM TO DALLAS
WHERE HE WOULD BE MUCH CLOSER TO THE BULK OF THE
SAUDI STUDENTS (THEY ARE CONCENTRATED IN TEXAS,
OKLAHOMA AND CALIFORNIA), AND THE FOREIGN MINISTER
HAS ASKED IF HE COULD STILL ENJOY DIPLOMATIC IMMUNITY.
THE MINISTER HAS POINTED OUT THAT OUR FAIRLY
LARGE USIS OPERATION IN RIYADH (WHERE WE HAVE
NO FORMAL DIPLOMATIC PRESENCE) DOES HAVE ALL
DIPLOMATIC IMMUNITIES AND PRIVILEGES.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: ANSWER TO THE QUESTION
IN FOREIGN MINISTER'S QUESTION IN PARA 2.
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